But Sometimes the Most Careful and Tender Watchfulness Proves Unavailing to Make a Tidy Girl Out of a Sloven-An Original Sin Theory.

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training to be grateful for. Now, I do saying: not believe that doctrine. It is cowardly and unjust to lay the ingratitude and parents, The argument leaves no room | know! for inherited tendencies-inherited perhaps from remote ancestors-nor for the differentiation which makes every individual unlike every other individual. If training were all, why are not all the children of one family alike? Perhaps you will say that parents often indulge one child more than another; but how isit that those children who are reared in asylums and refuges, and subjected to just as different from each other as children reared in different families?"

"You have brought up several children of your own?" asked her listener. "Several of my own, and two or three which were not mine," replied the lady. "and I know that even the most careful and watchful training will not turn children out all alike, like shoepegs or | want of a better name, original sin." clothespins. Why, in the very first family that ever existed, according to the Bible, one child was good and the other bad. It is quite probable that they were trained very similarly. They had no long ancestry to furnish them with 'inherited tendencies,' Was it training that made Cain a murderer, or want of training?"

"You do not believe, then, that evil tendencies may be corrected by advice, precept and teaching?" "Sometimes perhaps. But all the

training in the world will not alter a child's nature. You may perhaps teach a child of a sullen, willful, obstinate disposition to keep it somewhat under control, but you can never make that child into a cheerful, amiable, lovable person. A tendency to flippancy and self conceit the groundwork of this impertment girl's ordering her mother about in publie) it is next to impossible to train out of a child. Even those qualities which would seem much more external, like untidiness and indolence (for I have often heard it preached that habits of order and neatness are simply matters of teaching and habit) are very hard to eradicate. Did I ever tell you about the child that I tried so hard to make into a trim, tidy, frugal, neat and economical woman?"

No, and I should much like to hear how a woman who has all those qualities in so good measure as yourself could fail to impress them on any child under her control."

"Well, I did fail miserably, and that experience showed me the injustice of laying all faults to training, or the lack of it. I began with that child before she was old enough to do the simplest kind of work-began by insisting on her picking up her toys and putting them in place every night; by having a row of hooks low enough for her to reach in the wardrobe, where she was taught to hang her clothes at night and her nightdress in the morning; by teaching her to have her small undergarments-hose and so on-laid nicely in her drawer, ready for her wearing. Despite all my care, I doubt if she ever put toys or garments in place without being specially reminded

'As she grew up she showed an utter lack of tidiness and order; her clothes were scattered all about her room, her whoolbooks were anywhere, wherever she chanced to drop them; she could never find her pencil, scissors or thimble; her handkerchief was never at hand; when she had half a dozen pretty white aprens for school they were always all soiled at once; if she had several cambric, gingham or muslin frocks she was sure to have no fresh one among them unless I watched her dressing every day. How hard I tried to teach her to be neat and careful with her clothes, to show · her that she must always have clean garments ready for need; that she must not wear clothes which needed mending; that she must not pin patch; that she must not toss her clothes on chairs and then sit on them and press them full of wrinkles; that she must not use pins where buttons should be; that she must keep her room tidy, and that she must brush her teeth night and morn-

"Then you think her headlessness and untidiness were hereditary?" "No, I cannot see how that could be; her mother was a good New England housekeeper, careful, neat handed and orderly, who knew how to do all kinds of housework and sewing, and did them well. But that girl would as soon wear a dress slit from waist to hem as not at least about home; she was vain enough about her appearance in public). If a button came off her clothing she, would pin the fabric all to rags rather than replace it, and my life was a burden of constant watchfulness and reproof. I had to threaten to brush her eeth myself in order to get her to do it.

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and I believe I did it once or twice. Now you are tempted to say I was too severe with her; but I assure you she was never punished excepting by being made to take off a torn garment and mend it, or to do something over which

she had scamped the first time. "It was precisely so about her room it was just at the head of the stairs, and unless I took it in hand myself, as I was often obliged to do, the carpet was always so covered with dust, lint and shreds that the litter was continually being swept out into the hall and over the stairs by her going down after she was old enough to wear long dresses. It was a pleasant, large room, comfortably furnished, but it was always in disorder; her clothes, her brushes, hairpins, shoes nibbons, gloves and books were every where, and over all she reigned queen

"In fact she did just as the average day, looking up from a boy does in a house where he has been newspaper, "to lay all the allowed to believe that his privilege is faults of children to their bringing up. to disarrange without ever putting in Here's a story about a young girl who place; to enjoy without responsibility; was impertinent to her mother in pub- to use without taking care of; where he he, and it states that every one who can toss things about at his pleasure for heard her remarked, justly, that it some patient slave to pick up and rewasn't her fault-it was her mother's, store to cleanliness, neatness and order who had not taught her properly.' There without the least trouble to him. And is, too, a Spanish proverb, 'There are no I have the comfort of knowing that, ungrateful children, which of course wherever that girl or woman is today, means that bad children have, had no all who witness her slipshod ways are "Poor thing; it just shows how she

was brought up; never was told any undutifulness of all children to their better, never had any training, you

Her listener laughed. "So I gather that you don't altogether believe in the old saw-

"Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined?" "Well, I found my trouble in bending the twig," replied the other; "no doubt if I had succeeded in bending it in the right direction it would have grown so, Some natures can be molded by training, others cannot. There may be someprecisely the same training, influence thing in training; there may be someteaching and discipline, turn out to be thing in heredity, but I am inclined to think there is still another factor to be considered in the matter of rearing children, a factor that 'Hints to Parents. and 'Mothers' Guides' seem to ignore altogether when they hold a mother responsible for all her daughter's faults and a father responsible for all the evil acts of his son, and that factor is, for

A STAR FETE.

A Unique Entertainment on the "Fiv It was certainly a brilliant affair, go up by some society for the purpose of raising money, and it was so successful that others would do well to copy some or all of its bright features. The entertainment was held in a large hall, to which admission was had by the presentation of five pointed tickets.

The hall was decorated with bunting, stars and flowers, everything conforming to the name of the fete. There were evergreen stars on the walls, alternating with tricolored ones. From the chandeliers hung clusters of stars made slightly in the warm air of the place. by bending a gaspipe into that shape sweet singers of College Hill, and also and connecting it properly. When of General Sam Cary, the Democratic lighted it made a bright and suitable orator. addition to the other jets and the piano

lamps that were used for illumination. drapings of dark blue, which covered any time to report anything from a wedthe wood. The articles for sale were classified, and similar articles were grouped together on one point. The booths had their advantages-they afforded places for five people to stand while selling goods, neither one interfering with the other and all having access to the money, which was kept on tables in the center; also they gave more space for purchasers than a round or square booth covering the same space would have done. Of course much of the fancy work conformed to the prevailing pattern.

The booths for flowers had star shaped floral decorations against an evergreen background. One was devoted to the sale of potted plants and over it were inscribed Longfellow's words about flowers, "Stars that in earth's firmament do shine." Over the one where cut flowers were sold was the line,

"There is a lesson in each flower." Little girls who carried about crush baskets with bouquets to sell were dressed Lawhead, a young lawyer. His health in yellow, with spangles, and crowns of failed and he went to California. She stars on their heads, belts of stars and went along and there nursed him to the a five pointed bit of gilt paper on each end, and brought home his body for

off for fortune telling. The entrance she worked day after day in a fruit canwas draped with star trimmed curtains | ning factory that she might earn money of dark blue, and over the mysterious to support her invalid husband, while entrance was written "Star-tling Dis- she wrote at night letters which won closures," atrocious as a witticism, but great credit but little money. so striking at the fete that it attracted | On her return she at once rejoined many curious patrons. The fortunes The Gazette staff, and did not give it were told by astrology or what was sup- up altogether when she was happily posed to be that time honored science, married to George Cooper, from Springas well as by palmistry. A gentlemen field, Mass., who is now general manain a dark blue gown bordered with stars | ger of the Xenia water works. Her littold fortunes from the hand; a lady in erary ability promises something in the astrological department. The place interesting changes and daily dramatic was lighted by yellow shaded candles, and the sides were draped with dark

blue, caught up with stars. Another feature of the evening which might or might not be successfully copied was "The Pleiades," seven bright ladies in navy blue, each wearing a cluster of seven shining stars on her left shoulder, whose duty it was to see that the guests had a good time and

were being entertained. There was some exquisite singing of songs about night or stars, including "Stars of the Summer Night" and the reading of that beautiful old favorite, "A Child's Dream of a Star." Refreshments, including ice cream and ices frozen in star shaped molds, pointed cakes and confectionery, sherbets and coffee, were served on small tables, each lighted by a centerpiece of candles placed in the prevailing five pointed ANNIE ISABEL WILLIS.

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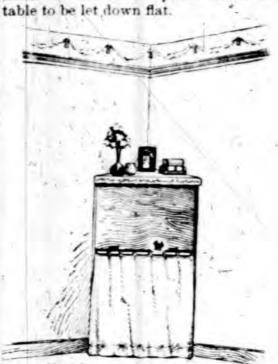
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If you can have assistance from some one at home in the carpenter work the sole bill for outside labor will-be for fitting the lock and key. The box or desk is to be placed on upright boards two feet wide and thirty inches long, all night. He thought of how he should which are fitted into the corner where take away Emelyan's wife and get her the desk is to stand. When the desk is for himself. He could hit upon no way placed on these uprights a little under of doing it, so he called his servants and closet is left, which must be fitted up with three cornered shelves. A pretty curtain may be made for the front by decorating blue damask cloth or denim with outlining in gold thread.

Some very thin pieces of board will and you can have her." be material for making pigeonhole com- The governor sent for Emelyan to bekept away from dust. The entire desk, The wife replied: inside and out, is to be finished with oak stain and then varnished. A little cover to match the curtain finishes the turn to me. top, and on it can be set books and any little trifles. The curtain is finally put in place on a brass rod, concealing a convenient stow place for magazines, and when complete the desk will repay its owner for all the trouble of construc-

Ohlo's First Newspaper Woman. There is a bright little woman on the staff of the Xenia Gazette who has quite by covering pasteboard forms with gilt a history as a member of the profession. paper. They shone as they moved Years ago she was a young schoolgirl there named Lua Cary, and was a rela-In one prominent place was a star made tive of the famous Cary sisters, the

Lua Cary had a literary ambition and became a valued reporter on The Ga-The booths were all five pointed and zette, and was probably the first female



ding to a murder. She married Charles burial. The determined character and One part of the hall was partitioned devotion of the woman was shown when

Autumn Fashions. There will be much fur worn next fall and winter, the furriers say, and they are providing it for every possible need. Walking boots and house slippers even will be bordered with some kind, and gloves will have gauntlets of beaver or some other short-pile fur. Velvet and uncut velvet will enter

largely into the autumn bonnets. They are not all small by any means. For those who look better in large hats or bonnets there are flaring pokes, and picture hats with towering plumes, and bonnets of shirred silk, satin and velvet. Beaded fringe at the waist is much worn over silk, and with this is usually purchased a beaded and wired Medici collar, and both can be made postiche, so as to be transferred from one costume to another.

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EMELYAN'S WIFE.

Emelvan was a laborer living in his his work in the fields one day when a away? frog, upon which he had almost trodden, jumped up in front of him. Emelyan carefully stepped over it. Suddenly he heard some one call him. Emelyan turned around and saw a beautiful girl standing behind him, who said:

Why do you not marry, Emelyan?" "How can I marry, my girl? I have nothing except myself; no woman will go with me. "Marry me.

The girl greatly pleased Emelyan. "I!" he replied with delight: "but where shall we live?"

"Is that worth bothering about?" said. the girl. "It only means that we shall also with chains that are fastened to the have to work a little more and sleep a inside of the desk top and allow the little less, and then wherever we are we ing you will get up and everything will shall find ourselves clothed and fed." "Very well, then, we will marry; but where shall we go?"

> "Let us go to the city." Emelyan and the girl went to the city. The girl led him to a small house at the farther end of it; they were married and started housekeeping. The governor drove out one day, and as he passed their house Emelyan's wife ran out to look at him. When the governor, saw her he was struck with astonishment at her beauty, and said to himself, "Where could such a beauty have come from?" He stepped up, called her and began to question her. 'Who are you?'

"The wife of the peasant Emelyan." 'How came such a beauty as you to marry a peasant? You should have been princess.

Thank you for your kind words. I am well content to be a peasant's wife.' The governor made a few more remarks, drove away and returned to his palace. He could not get the wife of Emelvan out of his head. He did not sleep ordered them to find a way. The servants said to the governor:

"Take Emelyan as one of your laborers. We will then kill him with flard work. The wife will be left a widow

partments in the upper part of the desk. come a man of all work and to live with ever, and returned with the gloomies Here may be kept the stationery and his wife in the palace. The messenger other writing materials that need to be went and gave Emelyan the message. "That is good. Go. You can work

during the day and at night you can re-Emelyan went. He arrived at the palace. The governor's foreman asked "Why did you come alone, without

your wife?" "Why bring her? She has her house." They gave Emelyan work in the governor's yard that would have been a hard task for two men. Emelyan set about his work and was afraid he would not be able to finish it, but before night he had finished it all. The foreman saw that he had done all of it and gave him for the next day four times as much.

Emelyan went home. There he found done. The wife was sitting at the ernor wakes up, looks out and seestable and sewing while she waited for river where previously there had been trimmed with silver or gilt stars against reporter in Ohio, for she was ready at ther husband. She met him, laid the supper, gave him his meat and drink, and when he had finished began to ask him about his work.

> "There is no use talking; it is bad. They give you more than you can do. They will kill me with work." "But you-you must not think about the work. Don't look to the one side or to the other; how much have you done or how much is left. Only work. All will be done in time.

In the morning Emelyan returned to work. He started work, never looking have hitherto invented he has done, and to one side. Lo! by the evening it was I cannot take away his wife." all finished, and before it was dark he was at home. They put more and more at last they found something. They work upon Emelyan, but he always went to the governor and said: finished it in time and went home.

A week has gone by. The governor's servants see that they cannot kill Emelyan with rough work. They begin to give him skilled tasks, but with this he has not gone where he was needed him he finishes in time and goes home be beheaded and his wife taken." to his wife and to sleep. Another week goes by. The governor

calls his servants and says: "Do I feed you with bread for noth- to him: ing? Two weeks have passed, and as yet I see nothing from you. You want and bring that, without knowing what ed to kill Emelyan with hard work, and If you do not bring it I shall cut off from my window I observe him going your head." home every day, singing. Did you in

tend to make a jest of me?" The servants began to excuse them-

"We tried," they said, "with all our might to kill him with hard work, but we could not do it. When he sweeps with a broom he does it without fatigue. We then began to give him skilled work, thinking he would be dull yellow, with fillet girdle, bracelets book form, but she loves the general short of brains, but with that we could and necklace of gilt stars, presided over work of a newspaper, with its varying not break him down. Where does he get it from? Everything he approaches he does. It must be that there is witchcraft in him or in his wife. We ourselves are tired of him. We want to give him a task beyond his powers. We thought of giving him an order to build it will not be for long. If you do all a cathedral in a day. Do you, dall Emelyan and command him to build a cathedral in front of your palace in a single day, and then, if he fails to do it, his head can be cut off for disobedi-

The governor sent for Emelyan. "Now, then," he said, "this is my order to you. Build me a new cathedral in front of my palace in the square. must be ready by tomorrow. If you build it I will confer honor on you. you do not build it you will lose your

Emelyan listened to the or ler, turned round and went home. "Now," he thinks to himself, "my end is come." He went to his wife and said:

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"Get your things together, wife; we must fly-anywhere. If we do not we

shall be lost, and all for nothing." "What!" she asked. "Have you bemaster's house. Emelyan was going to come so frightened that you want to run "How can I be otherwise than fright-

ened? The governor has ordered me to build a new cathedral, and all in one day. If I do not build it he threatened that he would cut off my head. Only one thing is left-to run away while there is time." The wife did not accept this sugges-

"The governor has many servants. and wherever we go we shall be caught." she said. 'You cannot escape him, and so long as we have power we must

"Little father! do not grieve. Take your supper and go to bed. In the mornbe all right.'

Emelyan went to bed. The wife awoke "Go," she said; "go quickly and get your cathedral built. Here you have nails and a hammer, and there is only

one day's work left for you." Emelyan went to the city, arrived at the palace and behold! there was a new cathedral standing in the middle of the sonare, wanting only a little of being finished. Emelvan started to give it the finishing touches where they were required, and by the evening everything was complete. The governor awoke up, looked out from the palace and saw-the cathedral, with Emelyan walking around a long way-to the ocean. You will it, merely putting in a nail here and there. The sight of the cathedral did not gladden the heart of the governor. He was furious at having no opportunity of beheading Emelyan and taking his wife. The governor calls his servants again.

"Emelvan fulfilled this task also." I said. "We must invent something more complicated for him. Invent it. If you flowing around the palace, with large vessels floating on it. The governor or dered Emelvan to perform this new task "If," he said, "you could build

cathedral in one day, you can do thi also. All must be ready tomorrow, as I have ordered it. If it is not ready your head will be cut off." Emelyan became more dejected the

"Why," she said, "are you so gloomy Has something new been ordered?"

Emelvan told her all. "It is necessary," he said, "to run." "It is impossible to run away," sh said. "We shall be caught wherever we go. We must obey.' "But how ober?"

"Oh, little father, do not trouble about anything! Take your supper and li down to sleep. Get up earlier and every thing will be in time. Emelyan lay down to sleep. In th morning the wife wakes him up.

ready. There is only a little hillock left beside the harbor. Take your spade and Emelyan went and arrived at the city 'Round the palace ran a river; vessel were floating on it. Emelyan went to everything swept clean and tidy; the the harbor and saw there a hillock stove lit; the baking and cooking all which he started to level. The gov-

> none. On the river vessels were float ing, and Emelyan with the spade is lev eling the hillock. The governor was astounded, and h was not pleased with either the river o the vessels, being vexed to think that he could not behead Emelyan. He thinks to himself: "There is nothing that he cannot do. What is it to be now?" He called the servants and began to consult

> with them. "Invent for me," he says, "a task tha Emelyan cannot fulfill, for all that w The servants thought and thought, and

"Call Emelyan and speak to him thus

'Go there, without knowing where, and bring that, without knowing what, Wherever he goes you can then say that they cannot kill him. Carpenter's ma- and whatever he brings you can say that son's, roofer's work-all that they gave it is not what is wanted. He can then The governor was delighted.

"This," he said, "you have invented wisely." He sent for Emelvan and said "Go there, without knowing where

Emelyan went to his wife and told her

what the governor had said. The wife pondered. "Now," she said, "they have taught the governor a lesson that he himself will suffer by. The thing has to be managed wisely."

She sat down, reflected, and spoke to her husband as follows:

"You will have to go far-to our grandmother-to our old peasant mother. You must implore her kindness and you will receive something from her, You must then go straight to the governor and I shall be there. This time I shall not be able to escape from their hands. They will take me by force, but the grandmother tells you, you will soon free me.'

The wife prepared her husband for the journey, giving him a small bag and a spindle. "Give this spindle to our grandmoth-

er," she said. "By this she will know that you are my husband." The wife showed him the way and Emelyan started on his journey. After leaving the city he saw some freeshooters (strelitz) practicing. Emelyan stopped and looked on. The freeshooters practiced for awhile and then sat down to rest. Emelyan went up to them and

"Don't you know, brothers, which is the way to go one knows not where,

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The freeshooters were astonished at the question. "Who," they said, "has sent you to find that?"

"The governor." "No," they said, "we cannot help

Emelyan, after sitting awhile, got up and went on farther. He journeyed on and on, and came to a forest. In the forest was a hut. In the hut sat an old crone-the old peasant mother-spinning flax and crying. The old woman saw Emelyan and screamed out:

"What have you come for?" Emelyan gave her the spindle and said his wife had sent him to her. The old woman immediately became milder in her manner, and began to question him Emelvan started to tell her all his lifehow he married the girl; how he moved over to the city to live; how he was taken on as a man of all work, how he served the governor; how he built the cathedral how he made the river with the vessels on it, and how the governor had ordered him to go there, without knowing where, and bring that, without knowing what.

The old woman listened and stopped to weep. She began muttering to her-

"All right," she said; "sit down, ht tle son, and eat." Emelyan ate, and the old woman started giving him instructions.

"Here," she said, "you have a ball, Roll it before you, and go after it wherever it runs. You will have to go get to the ocean, and there you will see a large city. Enter the city, and ask in the farthest house for a night's lodging. There you must search for what you "But how, grandmother, shall I know

what it is? "When you see what people obey better than father or mother that will be do not I will behead you first." His the thing. Catch hold of it and carry servants contrived that the governor it away. You will bring it to the should order Emelyan to make a river governor; he will tell you that you have not brought what was needed, and you must then say, If this is not the thing it must be broken in pieces.' Beat upon it and then take it to the river; break it and throw it into the water. You will then get back your wife."

Emelyan bade the grandmother goodby and departed, rolling the ball before him. The ball rolled and rolled and brought him to the ocean. By the ocean was a large city. At the far end of it was a big house. Emelyan asked for leave to sleep in the house and was ad mitted. He lay down to sleep. Earl in the morning he awoke and heard th father going up to arouse his son that he might send him to chop wood. The

son does not obey. "It is early yet," he says; "there i Emelyan hears the mother getting

down from the oven, and she says: "Go, my little son; the father's bones are aching. Must be go himself? It i The son merely smacked his lips and "Go," she said, "into the city. All i slept once more. While he slept theres

> beating, as of drums. The son jumped up, put on his clothes and ran out into the street. Emelyan also jumped up and ran after him. "What is that which the son obeyed better than father or mother?" Emelyan ran out and saw a man going along the street and carrying a round thing on which he beat with sticks and which rumbled. This thing the son

obeyed. Emelyan ran toward it, began

to examine it and saw-a thing that was

arose a terrible noise in the street and a

round, like a barrel, and had both ends covered with skin. He began to ask what it was called. "A drum," the man said. Emelyan was surprised and he asked that it should be given him. It was not given. Emelyan gare up asking and commenced to walk after the man. He walked all day, and when the man lay down to sleep Emelyan snatched the drum away and ran off with it. He ran and ran and came home to his own city.

been taken off the next day to the gov-Emelyan reported to the governor: He who went there, without knowing

where, has brought that, without know-The announcement was made. The governor ordered that Emelyan should come the next day. Emelyan started to announce himself again.

"I have come today," he said, "and have brought what was ordered. Let the governor come out to me; if not. I will myself go in." The governor went out.

"Where;" he says, "have you been?" He answered. "You have not been there," said the governor. "But what did you bring?" governor did not want to look.

"That is not it," he said. "If it is not," said Emelyan, "it must be broken, and the devil with it." Emelyan went out with the drum and beat upon it. As he beat upon it all the military of the province collected around Emelvan They saluted him and maintain Emelyan. \ They saluted him and waited or orders from him. The governor be gan shouting out to his soldiers that they should not follow Emelyan. They paid no attention, but all marched after him. The governor saw it and ordered that Emelyan's wife should be brought out before him. He asked that Emelyan give him up the drum.

"I cannot," said Emelyan; "I have orders to break it and throw the pieces in the river." Emelyan went with the drum to the river, and the soldiers followed him. Near the river Emelyan broke the drum

skin. He broke the wood into small fragments and threw them into the river. And all the soldiers ran away. Emelyan took his wife and led her home. From this time the governor ceased bothering him, and Emelyan bagan to live comfortably, gathering around him the good things of life and ridding himself of the bad .- Count Toloi in New York Sun.

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